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SUBJECT: ABBAS SOUSA

KUWAIT POUCH BAGHDAD FOR ACTION

FOR LOWRIE FROM GATCH

1. AS YOU KNOW I AM RETIRING AS OF JUNE 1. WOULD LIKE
ACHIEVE FAVORABLE RESOLUTION ABBAS SOUSA'S STATUS BEFORE
THEN IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING HIM AND
FAMILY TO TRANSIT BEIRUT AND COME TO U.S. ARE STILL FIRM.

2. REALIZING YOU ARE IN BEST POSITION ASSESS REALITIES OF
SITUATION, WISH SUBMIT FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, THOUGHTS AND
SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR COMMENT.

3. COULD APPARENT SUCCESSFUL LIQUIDATION KURDISH QUESTION
FROM IRAQI POINT OF VIEW CHANGE GOI ATTITUDE TOWARD ABBAS
TO EXTENT IT WOULD ENTERTAIN REQUEST HE AND FAMILY BE PER-
MITTED LEAVE IRAQ?

4. IF GOI ATTITUDE REMAINS THE SAME, WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE
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AND FEASIBLE TO REQUEST ONE OF YOUR COLLEAGUES REPRESENTING
COUNTRY WHICH ENJOYS GOOD RELATIONS WITH IRAQ TO INTERCEDE
ON ABBAS'S BEHALF. I HAVE IN MIND PARTICULARLY ALGERIAN,
FRENCH OR EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR.

5. WOULD IT BE USEFUL SEEK LEGAL ADVICE FROM MUNIEM AL-KHATIB. AS FORMER FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL WHO HAS APPARENTLY MAINTAINED REASONABLY GOOD REPUTATION WITH REGIME HE MIGHT BE ABLE SUGGEST STEPS WHICH COULD BE TAKEN SECURE PERMISSION FOR ABBAS TO LEAVE. I AM PREPARED UNDERWRITE WITHIN REASON ANY LEGAL FEES INVOLVED IN THIS CONNECTION.

6. IF ALL ELSE FAILS, WHAT IS POSSIBILITY THAT NEW SITUATION IN KURDISTAN WOULD BE SUCH THAT ABBAS COULD ESCAPE INTO IRAN AND MEET FAMILY IN BEIRUT?

7. I AM SCHEDULED MAKE BRIEF TRIP TO PERSIAN GULF THIS WEEK AND WILL BE BACK IN DEPARTMENT MAY 5. WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING YOUR REACTION TO FOREGOING BY THEN IF POSSIBLE. KISSINGER

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